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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	
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ROUTERS, SWITCHES AND)	
HUBS, AND COMPONENTS)	
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The preliminary conference commenced, pursuant to notice, at 2:00 p.m., before the International Trade Commission, the Honorable Sidney Harris presiding.

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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 (2:00 p.m.)3 This is the preliminary JUDGE HARRIS: conference in the matter of Certain Equipment for Telecommunications or Data Communications Networks Including Routers, Switches and Hubs, and Components Thereof, United States International Trade Commission Investigation No. 337-TA-574. 9 See some familiar faces here. preliminary conference is used to bring up any matters 11 which any counsel feels might either block the 12 orderly, smooth processing of the case or something that might contribute to making it go faster and 13 smoother and also to set the schedule for the rest of the case. Why don't we have the notices of 16 appearance. 17 For the Complainant? MR. BRITTINGHAM: Your Honor, this is Smith 18 Brittingham with Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner for Complainant, Telcordia Technologies. here with Steve Anzalone and John Williamson, also 22 from my firm. 23 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. For Respondents? 24 MS. SUNDEEN: Your Honor, I'm Marcia Sundeen 25 with Kenyon and Kenyon. I'm here on behalf of Alcatel Heritage Reporting Corporation

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- 1 SA and Alcatel USA.
- JUDGE HARRIS: All right.
- 3 MR. SINDER: Your Honor, Stuart Sinder, also

- 4 with Kenyon and Kenyon on behalf of Alcatel USA and
- 5 Alcatel SA, and with us today from Alcatel are Mr.
- 6 John Berres and Mr. T. Tom Gellenthien.
- JUDGE HARRIS: All right.
- 8 MR. CHERNY: Your Honor, Steve Cherny from
- 9 Latham & Watkins representing Lucent Technologies.
- 10 With me here are Max Grant, who is another lawyer from
- 11 Latham & Watkins, as well as Elaine Drager, who is a
- 12 lawyer for Lucent Technologies.
- MR. REINES: Good afternoon, Your Honor. My
- 14 name is Edward Reines from the law firm of Weil,
- 15 Gotshal on behalf of Cisco Systems, and with me for
- 16 Cisco is Sonal Metha, and David Hickerson and Joanne
- 17 Guerrera.
- JUDGE HARRIS: All right. For the staff?
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: One more, Your Honor.
- 20 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. I didn't mean to
- 21 leave you out.
- 22 MR. OTTESON: No problem. James Otteson,
- 23 Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich and Rosati for Respondent --
- 24 JUDGE HARRIS: Mr. Otteson. I can't see too
- 25 well going back that far.

- 1 MR. OTTESON: -- PMC Sierra, and I'm joined
- 2 by my colleague, Nathan Walker.
- JUDGE HARRIS: For the staff?
- 4 MR. PEDERSEN: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
- 5 Steve Pedersen on behalf of the staff. With me today
- 6 is Mr. Spence Chubb.
- 7 JUDGE HARRIS: Well, one thing I noticed in
- 8 reading through the discovery statements is that
- 9 there's a trial in this matter scheduled for I believe
- 10 it was April 14 in the District of Delaware and since
- 11 the parties have all proposed a trial date of about
- 12 March 17 I think it was I'm going to propose a trial
- 13 date of March 28 because of the availability of
- 14 courtrooms, but why are we really here?
- Mr. Brittingham or Mr. Anzalone? I assume
- 16 you've got most of your discovery or you're going to
- 17 finish it up between now and then, and you've got a
- 18 trial scheduled for just weeks after our trial would
- 19 be scheduled.
- 20 MR. BRITTINGHAM: Your Honor, first let me
- 21 just clear up the date of the trial in the District
- 22 Court right now is April 16.
- JUDGE HARRIS: April 16. Okay.
- 24 MR. BRITTINGHAM: We had originally proposed
- 25 with the other parties March 7, so there would have

- 1 been some fairly distinct separation there. One other
- 2 aspect, and I'll let Mr. Anzalone explain a little
- 3 more if necessary, we do have one party, Alcatel, who
- 4 has obtained a stay of the proceedings against them in
- 5 the District Court and as a result --
- 6 JUDGE HARRIS: Could you move your
- 7 microphone a little closer? Is it on?
- 8 MR. BRITTINGHAM: Alcatel, the party Ms.
- 9 Sundeen is representing, is a party in the District
- 10 Court case, but has obtained a stay of the proceedings
- 11 against them in the District Court once this case was
- 12 filed.
- 13 JUDGE HARRIS: That was because of lack of
- 14 personal jurisdiction?
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: No. There are two Alcatel
- 16 entities that were originally named in the District
- 17 Court proceeding. One of them was Alcatel SA, the
- 18 French company, and the other was Alcatel USA, an
- 19 American corporation subsidiary, and Alcatel USA is
- 20 still a party to the District Court. It was only the
- 21 French parent that was dismissed for lack of personal
- 22 jurisdiction.
- That happened some time ago. More recently
- 24 however when this case was instituted Alcatel USA
- 25 moved to stay pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1659 as is their

- 1 right for a stay of the District Court proceedings, so
- 2 the trial that we're talking about that would go
- 3 forward on April 16 would only be against Cisco and
- 4 Lucent at this point. So one of the parties at a
- 5 minimum is not involved in that trial.
- 6 JUDGE HARRIS: Now, what was the --
- 7 MR. BRITTINGHAM: Also, PMC Sierra is not
- 8 involved in the District Court case at all at this
- 9 point other than having produced some documents as a
- 10 third-party recipient of a subpoena.
- 11 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. Mr. Anzalone, did
- 12 you want to comment, also?
- 13 MR. ANZALONE: Yes. Just a little bit
- 14 further, Your Honor. Good afternoon. Without going
- 15 into work product or privilege issues which I'm sure
- 16 you wouldn't want me to do in terms of aspects of this
- 17 case there were a range of settlement discussions,
- 18 negotiations and mediations in this case with the
- 19 Defendants that extended through the end of February
- 20 and those were not successful.
- 21 With respect to why we're here obviously for
- 22 an exclusion order. The Court may be familiar that in
- 23 District Court cases there was cert granted by the
- 24 Supreme Court in Merck v. ebay.
- 25 In November of last year the Supreme Court

1 came down with a decision I think the day after this

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- 2 suit was filed indicating that the Federal Circuit
- 3 decisions indicating injunctions in District Court
- 4 would be granted as a matter of due course was no
- 5 longer valid, so that explains some of the reasoning
- 6 without, again, why any Complainant would file in the
- 7 ITC without getting into work product issues or
- 8 attorney/client privilege.
- 9 JUDGE HARRIS: So is that why we're getting
- 10 so many cases here?
- 11 MR. ANZALONE: That and the typical reasons,
- 12 Your Honor, people file suit in the ITC. That's
- 13 correct.
- 14 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. What's on your
- 15 agenda to bring up, Mr. Brittingham?
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: Your Honor, we're
- 17 essentially really just the procedural schedule.
- 18 There are a few pending motions that I believe the
- 19 motion that Alcatel SA filed, there's been briefing on
- 20 it. As far as we're concerned I figure it's ripe for
- 21 a decision.
- JUDGE HARRIS: Now, that's the French
- 23 company?
- 24 MR. BRITTINGHAM: That's the French company.
- 25 We also have a pending motion to compel discovery from

- 1 that entity as well. I don't believe the response
- 2 date is up yet or at least I know we haven't received
- 3 a response, so I'm not sure that's ripe, but again, I
- 4 think those issues essentially go hand in hand anyway.
- 5 We believe they ought to be in the case, we believe
- 6 they're a proper party and we believe they ought to
- 7 respond to discovery, but that's in our papers.
- 8 Discovery has begun. As you're probably
- 9 aware there was a lot of discovery in the District
- 10 Court proceeding. There are some additional --
- 11 JUDGE HARRIS: That proceeding is live
- 12 against Cisco and Lucent?
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: That is correct, although
- 14 discovery was essentially completed or at least the
- 15 period for discovery was completed. We're in the
- 16 midst of just finishing up expert depositions right
- 17 now in the District Court, so fact discovery, I
- 18 believe the Judge has closed that, but we got a lot of
- 19 it from all the parties who were involved at that time
- 20 even before the stay.
- 21 The parties are engaging right now in
- 22 discovery efforts and there have been efforts to
- 23 either object or complain about the other side's
- 24 objections. Those we have not yet resolved, but I'm
- 25 not sure they're ripe for discussion yet.

- 1 JUDGE HARRIS: Now, is there an agreement
- 2 that the discovery in the District Court case would
- 3 all be used here as well?
- 4 MR. BRITTINGHAM: I'm not sure I'd call it
- 5 an agreement because nobody has put paper to pen and
- 6 actually written something, but it's my understanding
- 7 that all the parties are basically of the view that
- 8 the discovery that has been exchanged in the District
- 9 Court can be used in this proceeding. Certainly that
- 10 appears to be the way each party is treating that
- 11 prior production, and I think obviously that makes
- 12 sense and is most efficient.
- There are a few minor issues of
- 14 confidentiality concerns that were outstanding in the
- 15 District Court case that have not yet been resolved.
- 16 I bring it up only because maybe we'll resolve them.
- 17 Telcordia has documents that various companies submit
- 18 to them under some testing programs that are submitted
- 19 in confidence and those have been the subject of some
- 20 discovery requests.
- 21 We have produced documents that Cisco for
- 22 example provided us in discovery to Cisco. We did not
- 23 produce those documents to Alcatel or Lucent. We've
- 24 produced the documents that Lucent gave to Telcordia
- 25 back to Lucent, but we haven't given those to Cisco or

- 1 Alcatel.
- Now, that was feasible in the District Court
- 3 case because those were technically three separate
- 4 cases. This is one investigation one would ordinarily
- 5 produce all documents to all parties. What we would
- 6 like to know is whether Alcatel wants the documents
- 7 that relate only to the Cisco products and whether
- 8 Cisco would waive any confidentiality provision that
- 9 would have applied to their original submission of
- 10 those documents to us.
- 11 So that's a minor issue. I'm not even sure
- 12 whether the Respondents care.
- JUDGE HARRIS: Well, have you taken that up
- 14 with opposing counsel?
- 15 MR. BRITTINGHAM: I did raise that in an
- 16 email some time ago. I haven't gotten any response.
- 17 We haven't gotten quite that far. As far as I know
- 18 right now I'm not sure that they care enough to work
- 19 it out. I mean, that it's important to them to get
- 20 those other documents that they haven't had thus far.
- 21 So other than that I don't think there's any
- 22 impediment --
- 23 JUDGE HARRIS: Well, does any Respondents'
- 24 counsel have any interest in the issue that Mr.
- 25 Brittingham is just discussing?

- 1 MR. REINES: Thank you, Your Honor. The
- 2 Respondents have a good working relationship among
- 3 each other and I'm sure we can work that out. I
- 4 really doubt that's going to be of any significance.
- 5 We can exchange each other's information as
- 6 appropriate, and I just don't see that to be an issue
- 7 that needs to consume the Court's time.
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: Your Honor, our sense was
- 9 that this was not a problem for them because we had at
- 10 least some belief that maybe they were exchanging
- 11 their own documents among themselves anyway, but I
- 12 raised it only because that was one thing that
- 13 Telcordia was maintaining as a reason not to produce
- 14 certain documents to certain parties.
- The flip side of the coin is whether
- 16 documents in this proceeding could be used in the
- 17 District Court proceeding. As to Alcatel I think
- 18 that's kind of an automatic because once the stay is
- 19 lifted the record in this case is available to the
- 20 District Court. Cisco and Lucent I believe have
- 21 objected to any use of documents produced in the ITC
- 22 in the District Court.
- I'm not sure we need to resolve that right
- 24 now. It would seem to be easiest to just ensure that
- 25 neither protective order prohibits use in the other

- 1 proceeding assuming the Judge in the other proceeding
- 2 believes that information is appropriate and
- 3 admissible.
- 4 JUDGE HARRIS: Well, it sounds to me like
- 5 that would be the District Court Judge's problem.
- 6 MR. BRITTINGHAM: Well, our position would
- 7 be yes. The District Court Judge is obviously the
- 8 ruler of what comes in and what doesn't come in in the
- 9 District Court just as you are in charge of what comes
- 10 in here, what doesn't, but if there's no cross-use
- 11 agreement then it's not the Judge that's making that
- 12 determination it's merely the presence of an ITC
- 13 protective order that prohibits use of documents in
- 14 another proceeding.
- 15 JUDGE HARRIS: Well, if you want a cross-use
- 16 in a broad sense in which you're talking about it I
- 17 suggest you first try to negotiate it with opposing
- 18 counsel. Now, while everybody is here --
- 19 MR. BRITTINGHAM: I believe we did propose
- 20 that and their position as I understand it is that
- 21 documents produced in the District Court can be used
- 22 in the ITC, but not the other way around.
- Now, our position just to make it clear is
- 24 that documents produced in the ITC may or may not be
- 25 admissible in the District Court depending on whether

- 1 the District Court Judge believes they ought to be
- 2 admitted, believes they are produced late or whatever,
- 3 but that should not be determined simply by the ITC
- 4 protective order.
- 5 Right now we can't even present those
- 6 documents to the District Court and say please let us
- 7 use these because we're prohibited by the terms of the
- 8 ITC protective order from doing that.
- 9 JUDGE HARRIS: Well, are you? I mean, if
- 10 you tell the District Court Judge that there are X
- 11 number of documents here on the general subject matter
- 12 of this produced by the Defendants I don't see how you
- 13 would be breaching the protective order in doing that.
- 14 MR. BRITTINGHAM: No. You're right. If it
- 15 were only just informing the Judge of the existence of
- 16 documents I think that would be --
- JUDGE HARRIS: Then if he considers those
- 18 relevant to the District Court proceedings he would
- 19 make that determination or work out some way if he
- 20 thought it was important enough to see that they came
- 21 into evidence in that proceeding. I mean, sometimes I
- 22 can try to knock heads together, but I don't see that
- 23 I should do it for another proceeding.
- 24 MR. BRITTINGHAM: No, Your Honor, and we're
- 25 probably speaking hypothetically here anyway because

- 1 at this point we don't have any documents that we
- 2 think we'd want to use in one proceeding that we can't
- 3 and we can cross that bridge when we come to it.
- 4 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. Ms. Sundeen, is
- 5 there any matters that you wanted to bring up that --
- 6 MR. SINDER: Your Honor, Stuart Sinder on
- 7 behalf of Alcatel. On behalf of Alcatel I don't
- 8 believe that there are any unique matters that we need
- 9 to address. I think there are --
- JUDGE HARRIS: Now, let's see. I don't have
- 11 the distinction straight. You're representing the
- 12 French company only?
- MR. SINDER: The French company and the U.S.
- 14 company. Both.
- 15 JUDGE HARRIS: And the U.S. company. So
- 16 when you say on behalf of Alcatel are you --
- 17 MR. SINDER: I'm referring to both Alcatel
- 18 entities that are Respondents in this proceeding.
- 19 JUDGE HARRIS: Okay.
- 20 MR. SINDER: We have in the answer to the
- 21 complaint on behalf of the French company and also in
- 22 our motion for a summary determination that the
- 23 investigation should be terminated with respect to the
- 24 French company indicated that by doing so we're
- 25 reserving all of our rights to object to personal

- 1 jurisdiction on behalf of the French company.
- 2 That would be true for our appearance here
- 3 today that --
- 4 JUDGE HARRIS: Now, the French company
- 5 doesn't make any products or sell any products?
- 6 MR. SINDER: That's correct.
- JUDGE HARRIS: What does it do?
- 8 MR. SINDER: The French company is really,
- 9 it's just a holding company which has directly or
- 10 indirectly literally hundreds of operating
- 11 subsidiaries around the world. It's not an operating
- 12 company at all. Among those subsidiaries are Alcatel
- 13 USA, which is also a Respondent here, and that's the
- 14 company that is in effect the sales arm in the United
- 15 States, so they're the company that is selling all of
- 16 the accused products.
- 17 There are other Alcatel entities which well-
- 18 known to the Complainant manufacture the accused
- 19 products, but they didn't even bother to join them as
- 20 respondents, so it's clear that they don't really need
- 21 all of the companies that have a direct connection
- 22 with or involvement in manufacture, or importation, or
- 23 sale of the accused products.
- 24 They have the one company that they believe
- 25 they need in order to get effective relief if they

- 1 ultimately are found to be entitled to it and that's
- 2 Alcatel USA, which is also a Respondent. Now, there
- 3 are some scheduling issues which result from the co-
- 4 pendency of the Court case, but since Alcatel took
- 5 their -- it's only Alcatel USA which is a party to the
- 6 District Court case.
- 7 Alcatel SA was dismissed in a decision by
- 8 Judge Sleet for lack of personal jurisdiction, but
- 9 Alcatel USA took a stay under their right to do so and
- 10 therefore the scheduling issues relating to that
- 11 proceeding only really relate to Cisco and Lucent, and
- 12 I'd let my colleagues address those issues.
- JUDGE HARRIS: Yes. Now, your summary
- 14 determination motion, does that go to both Alcatel?
- MR. SINDER: No. It only goes to the French
- 16 parent because that company has no involvement in any
- 17 way in the --
- 18 JUDGE HARRIS: What is it based on, your
- 19 summary determination motion?
- 20 MR. SINDER: It's based on the fact that
- 21 there is no disputed issue of fact with respect to the
- 22 lack of any involvement by the French company, Alcatel
- 23 SA, in the manufacture or sale for importation,
- 24 importation or sale after importation of the products.
- 25 It doesn't manufacture anything, it doesn't sell

- 1 anything, it just sort of owns stock in various
- 2 subsidiaries.
- 3 This issue was litigated in front of the
- 4 District Court Judge admittedly on we believe very
- 5 related, but somewhat different issue of personal
- 6 jurisdiction, but the underlying factual premises
- 7 overlap considerably.
- 8 After a full briefing and argument on that
- 9 the District Court rendered a decision which was
- 10 attached to our summary determination motion finding
- 11 that the French company didn't make anything, and
- 12 didn't sell anything, had no involvement with the
- 13 accused products, had lack of any operating activity
- 14 in the U.S. and based on that founded that the
- 15 Delaware Court lacked personal jurisdiction.
- 16 The underlying factual determinations that
- 17 were made there are the same factual determinations
- 18 which would make a proceeding against the French
- 19 company inappropriate here and should not really be
- 20 named as a Respondent because it has no involvement
- 21 with the accused products in any manner.
- JUDGE HARRIS: Now, Mr. Brittingham, you
- 23 filed a response to that summary determination motion.
- 24 What is the --
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: Yes.

- JUDGE HARRIS: -- basis of your response?
- 2 MR. BRITTINGHAM: We have filed a response.
- 3 The basis is that Alcatel SA is the parent and over
- 4 arching sort of ruler of the Alcatel network of
- 5 companies and in our view is the very appropriate
- 6 respondent for a number of reasons not the least of
- 7 which is that they appear to be capable of directing
- 8 the activities of the subsidiaries that actually carry
- 9 out many of the functions.
- Now, we disagree that there are no disputed
- 11 issues of fact. I mean, frankly we would love to be
- 12 able to present you with more facts that we believe
- 13 would create a dispute, but Alcatel SA has flatly
- 14 refused to answer any discovery so far, and so as a
- 15 result we've relied solely on publicly available
- 16 information on Alcatel's website, some of their
- 17 securities filings, things of that nature that in our
- 18 view present a different picture than what has just
- 19 been presented to you and that is that the Alcatel
- 20 board, although it's a five employee company there's
- 21 an Alcatel board that is the overall management entity
- 22 for the Alcatel group, which is group of as has been
- 23 said over 100 companies, several of which are
- 24 probably, certainly one or two Alcatel USA and there's
- 25 also a subsidiary called Alcatel Canada that we know

- 1 of that are involved in these particular products.
- 2 There may be others. Alcatel SA does also
- 3 finance research and development efforts for the
- 4 entire Alcatel group. They handle intellectual
- 5 property issues for the entire group. There's a large
- 6 headquarters building that has a lot of people in it.
- 7 I don't know which of the Alcatel companies they work
- 8 for.
- 9 JUDGE HARRIS: Okay.
- 10 MR. BRITTINGHAM: We understand there's an
- 11 Alcatel North America, which is not an actual
- 12 incorporated entity, it's just an internal Alcatel
- 13 business organization of some sort. So it's a big,
- 14 huge company with 58,000 employees and we don't know
- 15 exactly how they do their business.
- 16 JUDGE HARRIS: All right.
- 17 MR. BRITTINGHAM: That's why we have the
- 18 parent as an actual respondent.
- 19 JUDGE HARRIS: Mr. Pedersen, has the staff
- 20 filed a response on this?
- 21 MR. PEDERSEN: Yes, Your Honor. The staff
- 22 did file a response and we took the position of not
- 23 supporting the motion.
- JUDGE HARRIS: On the grounds that not
- 25 enough facts are available?

- MR. PEDERSEN: On multiple grounds. 1
- is that it appears to be that the Commission precedent
- of other investigations, there's substantial precedent
- that states that holding companies are indeed proper
- respondents. The staff noted in their responsive
- papers that there could be certain discovery issues
- that may present itself as the investigation proceeds
- and as Your Honor is well aware that it's always
- easier to take discovery before an entity if they are
- indeed a named respondent in an investigation.
- 11 There are means to do so if they are not,
- but they are generally more problematic. The staff
- also noted that certain senior executive board members 13
- are of both entities do overlap so that at this time
- it's hard to tell what type of control Alcatel SA has 15
- over Alcatel USA. 16
- 17 We also noted that it's very early in
- investigation and if discovery should prove that
- Alcatel SA does not import or have any control over
- Alcatel USA that they can refile their motion at a
- later time.
- 22 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. I'm sorry.
- 23 don't remember your name.
- 24 MR. SINDER: Stuart Sinder.
- 25 Are you pointing to him or me? MR. CHERNY:

- 1 JUDGE HARRIS: You.
- 2 MR. CHERNY: Steve Cherny from Latham &
- 3 Watkins on behalf of Lucent Technologies.
- 4 JUDGE HARRIS: Yes. What would you like to
- 5 take up?
- 6 MR. CHERNY: My schedule is very easy right
- 7 now. I defer to Mr. Reines from Cisco. The issue
- 8 that I believe he's going to be addressing is
- 9 scheduling issues relating to the District Court
- 10 litigation and this proceeding and those issues are in
- 11 common, so we thought it made sense to have one person
- 12 address in the first instance.
- JUDGE HARRIS: Okay.
- MR. REINES: Thank you, Your Honor. Ed
- 15 Reines. If I'm not speaking loudly enough please let
- 16 me know.
- 17 JUDGE HARRIS: That was good.
- 18 MR. REINES: Okay. Very good.
- 19 JUDGE HARRIS: When you said the word loudly
- 20 that came across.
- 21 MR. REINES: All right. Well, yes, feel
- 22 free to let me know.
- JUDGE HARRIS: All right.
- 24 MR. REINES: From your initial comments
- 25 there's two issues that you raised and I'd like to

- 1 address them each. One is why are we here, and the
- 2 second one is reactions to the schedule which we
- 3 received this afternoon from Your Honor. On the why
- 4 we're here question that's a question that the
- 5 District Court asked and a question we've asked.
- There's two patents in this case. One is
- 7 the 633 and one is the 763. With respect to at least
- 8 the 763 there's not really any logic to this
- 9 proceeding that we can see. It doesn't involve PMC
- 10 Sierra, it doesn't involve Alcatel. So the argument
- 11 which was the primary argument that we heard that we
- 12 needed to have this action to group and capture these
- 13 other parties, that doesn't apply to the 763 portion
- 14 of this investigation.
- The second point is that there's been no
- 16 identification of relief that can't be obtained in the
- 17 District Court. What's important on the 763 is that
- 18 patent actually expires because it's so old -- this is
- 19 a patent that's from 80s technology -- it expires a
- 20 year from February. So it would be almost impossible
- 21 for the Commission to provide any meaningful relief on
- 22 it.
- JUDGE HARRIS: It expires in February 2007?
- MR. REINES: February 2008.
- JUDGE HARRIS: 2008. All right.

- 1 MR. REINES: Okay? A year from this coming
- 2 February. So it really doesn't seem to make any
- 3 logic. From where we sit this filing followed on the
- 4 heels of the claim construction hearing in the
- 5 District Court which went very unfavorably to
- 6 Telcordia by all accounts and that's why they dropped
- 7 half of this investigation before even today.
- 8 So I think it was the reaction to the
- 9 District Court that really led to the filing here, but
- 10 it really doesn't make sense. Now, that's important
- 11 on the second issue that you raised which is our
- 12 primary work here today, the schedule. We agreed --
- 13 by we, the Respondents as a group -- because our
- 14 philosophy is a committed philosophy of a cooperative
- 15 relationship with the other side and amongst each
- 16 other to streamline this event.
- 17 JUDGE HARRIS: Streamline what?
- 18 MR. REINES: Streamline this ITC proceeding.
- 19 So we were given the parameter of a 15 month target
- 20 date, and so we worked within that framework to be
- 21 cooperative and to come to dates that were the best
- 22 given that limitation. We noted in our discovery
- 23 statement that we proposed actually an 18 month target
- 24 date because of the unusual nature of this, okay?
- Now, why is this unusual? First of all this

- 1 is unusual because the trial injunction that would
- 2 issue in it is before any ITC exclusion order. So
- 3 right away it's a different circumstance.
- 4 The other thing is that these patents have
- 5 been around for so long and we did two years of
- 6 District Court litigation, but the bottom line is that
- 7 -- let me first state the benefit of the 18 month
- 8 target date would be that rather than expecting
- 9 counsel for everybody to be in one Court, your Court,
- 10 trying a case and then within a week going to Delaware
- 11 and trying the same case, that doesn't make sense.
- I don't think you're going to find very many
- 13 people that say it does make sense. I understand the
- 14 boundary conditions, the limitations you have in terms
- 15 of the courtroom, and the target dates and all that.
- 16 We understand those fully, but this is a complicated
- 17 case.
- You've got four different Respondents.
- 19 Cisco alone has 45 different products that are the
- 20 routers and switches and then 17 different modules.
- 21 Just Cisco. That doesn't include the chips of PMC,
- 22 Alcatel's own products, Lucent's own products and we
- 23 have the added complexity of the cross-talk between
- 24 the advanced stage of the District Court litigation
- 25 which is resulting in the evolving complaint that

- 1 you've had to deal with of terminating portions of
- 2 this proceeding as the District Court's proceeded.
- 3 We have summary judgments, we're in the
- 4 summary judgment process in the District Court. I
- 5 suspect that will be narrowing this investigation
- 6 materially.
- JUDGE HARRIS: Summary judgment on what?
- 8 MR. REINES: We've requested of the District
- 9 Court leave to file summary judgments on both the 633
- 10 and 763 patents on multiple grounds. Now, that
- 11 doesn't mean the District Court Judge is going to
- 12 grant everything obviously, but --
- 13 JUDGE HARRIS: Multiple what?
- 14 MR. REINES: Multiple grounds. We have
- 15 invalidity, noninfringement, there's an inventorship
- 16 issue, there's other equitable things we've presented,
- 17 so it's a full plate.
- 18 We don't know what the District Court is
- 19 going to do and we're certainly not prognosticating
- 20 about that, but I think we can all understand that
- 21 between motions in front of the District Court, the
- 22 continuing evidentiary record there, the witness
- 23 testimony at trial in the District Court, that's going
- 24 to be flooding into this Court.
- 25 It seems to us that it would be a big

- 1 mistake for this Court to have a trial hearing in the
- 2 very end of March which is now planned and then to
- 3 have a decision period while we're getting verdicts,
- 4 we're getting motions, we're getting witness
- 5 testimony, positions, drop positions. It will be a
- 6 mess for Your Honor as much as it will be a mess for
- 7 all of us.
- 8 JUDGE HARRIS: Now, how firm is that
- 9 April 16 trial date?
- 10 MR. REINES: Judge Sleet said that is built
- 11 in stone and you're not going to want to be the one
- 12 that comes in asking for any change of that at all.
- 13 So no one, certainly Respondents, have no expectation
- 14 at this point of seeking any change to that date at
- 15 all. If there's one thing Judge Sleet made clear it's
- 16 that that trial date will hold.
- 17 So the 18 month target date will allow this
- 18 Court to have the benefit of the verdict --
- 19 JUDGE HARRIS: That's a jury case --
- 20 MR. REINES: It's a jury case. You're
- 21 correct. Then whatever related narrowing of issues.
- 22 We've already had a lot, but more is anticipated. It
- 23 will just streamline this hearing in front of this
- 24 Court in this unquestionably complex matter. So that
- 25 was our reaction to this specific proposal which

- 1 otherwise would be fine to us other than the unusual
- 2 circumstances here.
- 3 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. Mr. Otteson, did
- 4 you want to?
- 5 MR. OTTESON: Well, Your Honor, PMC Sierra
- 6 whom I represent is not a party in the District Court
- 7 case, but I do note just looking at the schedule here
- 8 that having a March 28 through April 6 trial in this
- 9 Court means that the post-trial briefing for this
- 10 investigation is going to run right into the beginning
- 11 of that trial.
- 12 It seems to me to be a completely unworkable
- 13 situation.
- 14 JUDGE HARRIS: One other thing. A couple of
- 15 other things. In the discovery statement -- and any
- 16 of the Respondents can address this -- you mentioned
- 17 something about no domestic industry and no
- 18 importation. I don't know which of you wants to
- 19 handle that.
- 20 MR. REINES: Your Honor, I can just address
- 21 briefly the domestic industry. We know a fair amount
- 22 of Telcordia, but we obviously do not have that
- 23 specific domestic industry issue in the District
- 24 Court, so we don't have advanced discovery that we
- 25 might.

- 1 It appears to us that there's a very strong
- 2 case to be made, again, maybe that's more for one
- 3 patent than the other, but that their licensing
- 4 activity is so inconsistent and so nominal that it's
- 5 not a situation like Tessera or one of these other
- 6 companies that has a large licensing program that's
- 7 been successful over time.
- 8 For the 763 patent as an example during its
- 9 entire life, which is about to expire, but about 16
- 10 year life they have one license for under \$200,000 --
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: Your Honor, I'm sorry.
- 12 I'm not sure that this is --
- MR. REINES: I'm sorry. I apologize.
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: -- public information and
- 15 I understand there are client representatives in here
- 16 as well, so I would ask either that Mr. Reines stay on
- 17 the public record or that we go on the confidential.
- MR. REINES: I apologize. I was attempting
- 19 to respond. So there's a concern about the extent of
- 20 licensing activity. That's really the main point. On
- 21 the importation it's not clear what the allegations
- 22 are as to what's being imported because this is a
- 23 complex set of products.
- You get many complex set of products, but
- 25 there's integrated circuits, there's modules, there's

- 1 cards, there's entire switches and routers, different
- 2 things are moving in different directions. It's not
- 3 clear what is being alleged in that regard.
- 4 MR. OTTESON: Your Honor, if I just might
- 5 add on the 763 patent the domestic industry for that
- 6 we feel that may be an issue that may be ripe for an
- 7 early summary determination motion. We would want to
- 8 take some discovery, but I think that it is a serious
- 9 issue with respect to domestic industry on the 763.
- 10 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. There's also
- 11 mentioned -- well, let me ask Mr. Brittingham, what is
- 12 your domestic industry going to be based on? Is it a
- 13 licensing --
- 14 MR. BRITTINGHAM: Yes, Your Honor. It's a
- 15 licensing domestic industry. We have a list of
- 16 licensees that we have provided in the complaint, we
- 17 have licensing revenue, we have personnel whose job is
- 18 solely to license patents and frankly we think it is
- 19 an issue that is ripe for summary judgment on our
- 20 behalf, not on the Respondents.
- 21 JUDGE HARRIS: Are you aware of the order I
- 22 issued on licensing as a basis for domestic industry?
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: In the Tessera case or was
- 24 there a more recent one?
- 25 JUDGE HARRIS: No. A very recent one.

- 1 MR. BRITTINGHAM: In Vioxx?
- JUDGE HARRIS: I'm sorry?
- 3 MR. BRITTINGHAM: Was there an order in the
- 4 Vioxx case?
- JUDGE HARRIS: Not in the Vioxx. Which one?
- 6 MR. PEDERSEN: Your Honor, the 553 case.
- JUDGE HARRIS: Now, which product is that?
- 8 MR. PEDERSEN: Toshiba and Hynik I believe.
- 9 JUDGE HARRIS: Yes, yes.
- 10 MR. BRITTINGHAM: Yes.
- 11 JUDGE HARRIS: And the NAND case.
- MR. PEDERSEN: Right.
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: Yes. I'm aware of that
- 14 and it's a completely different situation.
- JUDGE HARRIS: I mean, are Respondents'
- 16 counsel aware of it?
- MR. CHERNY: I have not seen that decision.
- 18 From what Mr. Brittingham says it sounds like it is--
- 19 JUDGE HARRIS: Mr. Otteson, have you --
- MR. OTTESON: No. I haven't read that yet,
- 21 Your Honor, but we'll get right on that. Believe me.
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: Your Honor, I think the
- 23 reason I know about it is because I think our firm was
- 24 the alleged domestic industry in that case, but no.
- 25 This is a different situation.

- I mean, frankly I think that the supposed
- 2 licensing industry in that case is very different than
- 3 what we have here where Telcordia is quite literally
- 4 an entity that has patents that have been developed by
- 5 its engineers and then has gone out and attempted to
- 6 license those patents to make money just as a
- 7 licensing industry want to do. We don't think there's
- 8 really actually much controversy in that issue.
- 9 Also, on the importation issue I would say
- 10 that we don't think there's much controversy there
- 11 either. We do not know precisely what has been
- 12 imported and when and where because that issue was not
- 13 really fully developed in the District Court, but I
- 14 think it's fair to say that there are a large number
- 15 of imported components in the final product.
- The final products as you may be aware are
- 17 fairly large chassis with a number of boards inserted
- 18 into them. Each board has anywhere from I don't know
- 19 20 to 100 integrated circuits on it. I think final
- 20 assembly probably at least our understanding is it is
- 21 likely to occur in the United States, but a great deal
- 22 of the internal components are made in various other
- 23 locations.
- 24 So that information will be developed, but
- 25 we think it's fair to say that there are a lot of

- 1 imports going on. I don't know whether you want me to
- 2 respond to --
- JUDGE HARRIS: Well, on licensing I just
- 4 wanted to say as I tried to make clear in that order
- 5 in a case that goes back a good ways, the Gremlins
- 6 case, I found licensing as a basis for domestic
- 7 industry before the statute was amended to provide it.
- 8 The Commission reversed me saying that it wasn't
- 9 provided for in the statute.
- I was told by some of the people on the Hill
- 11 later that one of the reasons that they changed the
- 12 statute to include licensing was because of the
- 13 Gremlins decision. When I issued this order in the
- 14 NAND case I went back to try to find that legislative
- 15 history, and I thought that somewhere in either some
- 16 speech on the floor or a statement there was a
- 17 statement to that affect in the legislative history,
- 18 but I was never able to find it.
- 19 Nevertheless I think that was what happened,
- 20 and I think that the Gremlins situation really is the
- 21 kind of situation that was contemplated for licensing
- 22 as a domestic industry, in other words where the
- 23 business was in selling licenses to the intellectual
- 24 property. Anyway this is just for the benefit. I
- 25 suggest that everybody look at that order.

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- 1 I've forgotten your name again.
- 2 MR. REINES: My name is Ed Reines on behalf
- 3 of --
- 4 JUDGE HARRIS: Mr. Reines, so do you intend
- 5 to file a motion to request an 18 month period rather
- 6 than a 15 month?
- 7 MR. REINES: Yes, Your Honor. We thought
- 8 that would make good sense. After discussing it here
- 9 today I think that's what we'll do.
- 10 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. What is your
- 11 position, Mr. Brittingham, on the 18 month target
- 12 date?
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: Well, Your Honor, we're
- 14 obviously opposed to that. The parade of horribles
- 15 that Mr. Reines described with two cases going
- 16 simultaneously and maybe trials close to each other,
- 17 it could have all been avoided if Mr. Reines' clients,
- 18 Cisco and Lucent, had requested the stay that they had
- 19 the absolute statutory right to.
- 20 Alcatel did and they won't be experiencing
- 21 any of the difficulties that Cisco and Lucent now have
- 22 basically doomed themselves to suffer. The statutory
- 23 scheme is clear. It's the District Court that gets
- 24 stayed, not the ITC. The ITC goes forward and ought
- 25 to go forward and complete its investigation as the

- 1 statute states at the earliest practicable time.
- It's our position that this 15 month 2
- schedule that you've set up is given the burdens that
- the ITC has, and the courtrooms and what have you the
- practical time that this case can be completed.
- course there may be ways to complete the investigation
- 7 even earlier. Not every case goes to trial.
- There are possibilities that the District 8
- Court case could go later. Not every District Court
- 10 case goes to trial even when it is a firm date.
- 11 are issues in the District Court that will not be
- 12 resolved in the trial that's currently scheduled in
- Things such as inequitable conduct are going April.
- 14 to be heard later.
- So that case is not just going to end on 15
- 16 May 25 and then we all know the result. The stay was
- available, they chose not to and we feel that their
- decision -- why they did that we don't have any
- insight, but to then turn around and say because we
- didn't seek a stay it's going to be really complicated
- for us, Your Honor, and therefore we are entitled to a
- lengthy delay of a case that we have -- I mean,
- there's no question that 337 relief is different than
- District Court relief. 24
- 25 Exclusion orders cannot be issued by

- 1 District Courts. I don't think that's really in
- 2 dispute. There's no question that complainants often
- 3 file simultaneously District Court complaints and 337
- 4 complaints and it's hardly unusual for a 337 complaint
- 5 to be filed months, sometimes years, after a District
- 6 Court case has already been going on.
- 7 There's assorted reasons for that.
- 8 Sometimes things just aren't going fast enough,
- 9 sometimes new patents come out or new products come
- 10 out. I mean, there could be any number of reasons and
- 11 Mr. Anzalone has already explained some of the ones
- 12 that led us to do it this way.
- We feel that frankly the complicated nature
- 14 of this case is one in large part of Lucent and
- 15 Cisco's own doing. That they could have made it
- 16 simpler on everybody by seeking the stay.
- 17 JUDGE HARRIS: All right.
- 18 MR. ANZALONE: Your Honor, let me just --
- 19 JUDGE HARRIS: Mr. Anzalone? Yes?
- 20 MR. ANZALONE: Your Honor, let me just
- 21 respond since there was some discussion of motives and
- 22 why things happen in the District Court. In this
- 23 proceeding I hope I don't sink to the level of
- 24 assigning motives to counsel, et cetera, et cetera,
- 25 but I can confirm for you that the Markman decision in

- 1 the District Court did not come out until June 22
- 2 which was fully a month after we filed the complaint
- 3 in this case.
- 4 Now, as most parties believed we believed at
- 5 that hearing that we would prevail. We prevailed on
- 6 the principal claim construction issues on the 633
- 7 patent and the 763 patent which is why we're going
- 8 forward on those two patents. We lost on the
- 9 principal claim construction issues on the 306 patent
- 10 which is why we dropped the 306 patent from this
- 11 investigation.
- 12 So as a result you have a pretty streamlined
- 13 case here. We only have two claims we're asserting on
- 14 the 633 patent and we have four claims we're asserting
- 15 on the 763 patent. With respect to the District
- 16 Court's schedule on September 16, 2006, there's going
- 17 to be a teleconference before the District Court where
- 18 the District Court will merely decide whether the
- 19 parties are allowed to file summary judgment motions.
- We are not allowed to file summary judgment
- 21 motions until we have that teleconference, and at that
- 22 teleconference Telcordia is going to be seeking the
- 23 right to file summary judgment on the 633 validity and
- 24 infringement issues. Two of the Respondents here are
- 25 going to seek counter-rights and they're also moving

- 1 on the 763.
- 2 I just wanted you to be aware of the
- 3 procedural schedule that all that's going to happen on
- 4 September 16 is the District Court is going to decide
- 5 whether in fact to even allow us to file summary
- 6 judgment motions and if the Court thinks that there
- 7 are disputed issues of material fact there won't even
- 8 be summary judgment briefing in those cases.
- 9 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. Mr. Pedersen, is
- 10 there any comments you wish to make on this?
- MR. PEDERSEN: Your Honor, at this time any
- 12 comments we have would be fairly preliminary in light
- 13 of the motion practice that is about to come down the
- 14 pipe, but the staff is somewhat sympathetic towards
- 15 Respondents that they would be faced with two trials
- 16 back to back and especially since the District Court
- 17 case will be a jury verdict that there will be some
- 18 resolution there at the end of that trial as opposed
- 19 to a bench trial what could take many months.
- Other comments that we might have at this
- 21 time is a three month extension of the target date may
- 22 not be necessary. A two month extension may cure the
- 23 problems that could occur with the scheduling of both
- 24 cases.
- JUDGE HARRIS: You say a two month extension

- 1 might cure it?
- 2 MR. PEDERSEN: That's correct, Your Honor.
- 3 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. Well, first of
- all, Mr. Reines, do you have any idea of when you're
- going to be filing that motion?
- 6 MR. CHERNY: This is Mr. Cherny from Latham
- & Watkins. We just discussed it and we think we can
- get you a motion within two weeks on that point.
- 9 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. You've had an
- 10 opportunity to see the draft procedural schedule?
- 11 MR. CHERNY: Yes.
- 12 JUDGE HARRIS: Are there any questions or
- comments with respect to that?
- MR. CHERNY: Other than what we've just 14
- discussed I don't believe that we on this side have
- 16 any issues.
- 17 JUDGE HARRIS: All right.
- 18 MR. BRITTINGHAM: Your Honor, obviously as a
- Complainant we would prefer an earlier trial, however 19
- I understand that courtroom availability may be an 20
- In light of that there may be some 21
- justification for moving some of not the trial date,
- but some of the earlier leading up dates so that
- they're closer to the trial.
- 25 I note that the last item on the list of

- 1 requirements of filing the staff's prehearing brief on
- 2 February 23 and then it's more than a month before the
- 3 trial begins. That's not that typical, although it's
- 4 not impossible to deal with. It may be that the
- 5 parties would take that available space and use it for
- 6 some of the dates that lead up.
- JUDGE HARRIS: For some what?
- 8 MR. BRITTINGHAM: For some of the dates that
- 9 lead up to the trial so that there's less of a gap and
- 10 more time to --
- 11 JUDGE HARRIS: There's a little
- 12 miscommunication here. Are these the original dates
- 13 that staff had? Everything leading up to the trial?
- 14 MR. PEDERSEN: That's correct, Your Honor.
- 15 JUDGE HARRIS: Well, I intended to advance
- 16 those by three weeks. Just a little slip up here. So
- 17 when we issue this we'll advance all those preliminary
- 18 steps by three weeks or should it be two weeks?
- 19 MR. BRITTINGHAM: No, Your Honor. That
- 20 sounds fine and that was what I was figuring would be
- 21 appropriate.
- MR. CHERNY: All we would say is obviously
- 23 in the context of the motion we're going to bring
- 24 regarding the ultimate trial date we will certainly
- 25 keep in mind what you said in terms of the Court's

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- 1 preference to keep a two to three week space in
- 2 between the dates that are set here.
- JUDGE HARRIS: Yes. I mean, this only
- 4 applies given the 15 month target date. If that has
- 5 changed after the briefing on the motion that you're
- 6 going to file then we'll have different dates.
- 7 MR. CHERNY: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 8 JUDGE HARRIS: All right. Is there anything
- 9 as to any count, anything else any counsel wants to
- 10 bring up?
- 11 MR. SINDER: Your Honor, Stuart Sinder on
- 12 behalf of Alcatel USA and Alcatel SA if I may. I
- 13 think it might be worth informing Your Honor that
- 14 there's sort of a very unusual issue that's going to
- 15 come up in this case. It may be one that will turn
- 16 out to be ripe for summary determination at a
- 17 relatively early stage.
- JUDGE HARRIS: Is that the standard setting?
- 19 MR. SINDER: Yes.
- 20 JUDGE HARRIS: As a matter of fact I noticed
- 21 that in the papers and I intended to bring it up, but
- 22 I forgot to. Yes. Can you identify which of the
- 23 patents are part of the standard setting?
- MR. SINDER: Yes. It's the 633 patent which
- 25 is involved in that. It's been declared by the

- 1 Complainant, Telcordia, to be standards essential
- 2 before the relevant standards organizations, meaning
- 3 that their position, which the Respondents don't
- 4 necessarily agree with, but their position is that if
- 5 you practice the standard you definitely must come
- 6 inside the scope of the patent.
- 7 There's a significant issue as to whether by
- 8 doing that Telcordia has in effect waived or bargained
- 9 away its right to have an exclusion order issued by
- 10 the ITC. It's committed to those standards
- 11 organizations that it will license everybody on fair,
- 12 reasonable, nondiscriminatory terms.
- In other words all the Respondents are
- 14 entitled to be licensed. Now, there may be an issue
- 15 as to what the license term should be, how much the
- 16 amount should be, but that goes to the issue of
- 17 damages which is in the purview of the District Court
- 18 where Telcordia is already suing the Respondents who
- 19 are allegedly making or selling the accused product.
- In this forum the only relief that this
- 21 forum can issue is an exclusion order and that's
- 22 exactly what Telcordia gave away when it said this is
- 23 standards essential and it would license everybody.
- 24 Now, as far as I know, and Your Honor may know
- 25 differently, we researched this a little, this may be

- 1 a question of first impressions before the Commission.
- 2 JUDGE HARRIS: I was about to say that, that
- 3 I think it's a matter of first impression.
- 4 MR. SINDER: It's a legal issue, and I don't
- 5 think there are any disputed facts that I am aware of
- 6 that would go to this issue and it's a question that
- 7 goes to the appropriate scope of relief that the
- 8 Commission can issue in such a situation where a
- 9 patent is alleged by the Complainant to be standards
- 10 essential.
- 11 JUDGE HARRIS: So do you have the intention
- 12 of filing a summary determination motion?
- 13 MR. SINDER: I believe we do. We haven't
- 14 discussed what the appropriate timing for that would
- 15 be yet, Your Honor, but I think that is something that
- 16 would happen relatively early on.
- 17 JUDGE HARRIS: Mr. Anzalone?
- 18 MR. ANZALONE: Yes, Your Honor. Just a
- 19 brief response on that. First in terms of disputed
- 20 issues I don't believe any of the Respondents here
- 21 have agreed that the patent claims at issue cover the
- 22 standard because they're denying infringement, so we
- 23 have a disputed issue right there.
- 24 Second with respect to the licensing of this
- 25 patent the Respondents were offered the same license

- 1 deal that, well, many other companies were licensed,
- 2 but they refused to take it.
- 3 In a case in which in the Commission a
- 4 patentee offers a license and the respondents refuse
- 5 to take it we do not have a situation where the
- 6 standards issue should come up and in particular I'd
- 7 like to point out that Alcatel had a subsidiary,
- 8 Newbridge, which was actually licensed under this
- 9 patent, failed to pay royalties, failed to submit
- 10 royalty reports and then terminated the license.
- 11 So this is not a situation we believe which
- 12 lends itself for summary determination. In fact to
- 13 the extent that a license agreement or what the terms
- 14 should be comes up at all it would be a remedy issue
- 15 which would be part of a recommended determination by
- 16 Your Honor, which would then be decided by the
- 17 Commission as a whole as opposed to anything relating
- 18 to a liability determination.
- The status right now is none of the
- 20 Respondents here have a license under the patent even
- 21 though they were offered a license under reasonable
- 22 and nondiscriminatory terms.
- JUDGE HARRIS: All right. That's your
- 24 position. I certainly understand it. Nevertheless I
- 25 think there could be a legal issue here which I don't

- 1 think the Commission has addressed before that if
- 2 infringement amounts to practicing the standard and
- 3 you've agreed to license that on a reasonable royalty
- 4 rate whether the Commission should or could issue a
- 5 cease and desist order.
- 6 MR. ANZALONE: Your Honor, was that
- 7 addressed in your decision in recordable optical
- 8 disks? I believe that was also a situation where the
- 9 patentee had a patent covering the standard, the
- 10 respondent refused to pay and then there was --
- 11 JUDGE HARRIS: I know that I have taken
- 12 certain aspects of the standards of before in other
- 13 decisions, but I don't think I've ever handled it in
- 14 as full a way as is being suggested. What did I
- 15 decide in that one?
- MR. BRITTINGHAM: Your Honor, Mr. Anzalone
- 17 is referring to the Phillips case and that was
- 18 obviously decided on other grounds --
- JUDGE HARRIS: Yes, yes.
- 20 MR. BRITTINGHAM: -- so I'm not sure. I
- 21 think my understanding or my review of prior cases is
- 22 consistent with yours which is that the issue has come
- 23 up from time to time, but has not been pushed all the
- 24 way to a Commission decision at either the remedy
- 25 stage or any other stage, but I may be wrong about

- 1 that as well.
- 2 JUDGE HARRIS: Well, I think that there was
- 3 an issue in the Phillips case of practicing the
- 4 patent, but there was the so-called orange book, but I
- 5 don't think the relief suggested here was ever
- 6 requested in that case and I think it went the issue
- 7 was directed more to the anti-trust aspects, the
- 8 patent pooling aspects of that decision.
- 9 So I don't think I've ever addressed fully
- 10 what --
- 11 MR. BRITTINGHAM: Yes. Your Honor, I think
- 12 in that case it may be the defense, I thought that the
- 13 defense had been raised and your recommended
- 14 determination was that had there been a violation
- 15 there would have been a general exclusion order, but
- 16 obviously we can all read it and figure out exactly
- 17 what happened there.
- JUDGE HARRIS: Well, I don't remember that.
- Mr. Pedersen, do you have any comment?
- 20 MR. PEDERSEN: It's an interesting issue,
- 21 Your Honor, and I think it will take some research on
- 22 our behalf before I can provide Your Honor with any
- 23 comments.
- JUDGE HARRIS: All right.
- MR. CHUBB: Your Honor, just one thing.

- 1 We've had cases where equitable estoppel was alleged.
- 2 For example equitable estoppel by acquiescence and
- 3 the industry practicing the patent. That would be the
- 4 EE PROMS case, 395, and the Judge found equitable
- 5 estoppel, but the Commission reversed. That had to do
- 6 with a standard setting body, but it was a different
- 7 issue from this licensing on reasonable terms.
- 8 JUDGE HARRIS: All right.
- 9 MR. SINDER: Your Honor, if I may. Stuart
- 10 Sinder again. There is also an equitable estoppel
- 11 issue in this case due to delay in asserting these
- 12 patents which I believe is a separate issue from the
- 13 one we're raising of standards essentiality.
- 14 Complainant can't have it both ways and on
- 15 the one hand argue that its patent covers the standard
- 16 and on the other hand say it wants an exclusion order
- 17 which we believe it has either waived or bargained
- 18 away, however you want to characterize it.
- 19 JUDGE HARRIS: Well, I think that this
- 20 motion should be addressed as soon as possible. Do
- 21 you need any discovery to do that?
- 22 MR. SINDER: I don't believe so, Your Honor.
- 23 MR. BRITTINGHAM: Your Honor, it would seem
- 24 to us that at a minimum that would have to admit that
- 25 their products are practicing the standard before it

- 1 is even a relevant issue to determine. We can't have
- 2 it both ways, neither can they. They can't be
- 3 noninfringing, but also entitled to at worst a
- 4 reasonable and nondiscriminatory royalty that they
- 5 apparently --
- 6 JUDGE HARRIS: Well, they might be able to
- 7 say hypothetically assuming it does that the law would
- 8 apply. I don't think we'd have to require them to
- 9 admit infringement.
- 10 MR. SINDER: Your Honor?
- JUDGE HARRIS: Yes?
- MR. SINDER: That's correct, Your Honor.
- 13 Either hypothetical the result is the same. If we're
- 14 not infringing there can't be an exclusion order and
- 15 if we're within the scope of the patent which they say
- 16 covers the standard then that raises the legal issue
- 17 of whether the Commission can appropriately issue an
- 18 exclusion order under those circumstances.
- 19 So I disagree with Mr. Brittingham about the
- 20 admission.
- JUDGE HARRIS: All right.
- MR. SINDER: Your Honor, may I just in case
- 23 the Court isn't aware just circling back for a moment
- 24 on the pending motion by Alcatel SA to terminate the
- 25 investigation we did file a request for leave to file

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1 a reply brief which we have submitted with that
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- 2 request so it responds to some of the arguments that
- 3 have been presented here by the staff.
- 4 It responds to the staff's submission as
- 5 well as the responding brief on behalf of Complainant.
- 6 We think our position is spelled out fairly well in
- 7 those papers and unless Your Honor wants to hear
- 8 further on that we rely on that.
- 9 JUDGE HARRIS: Yes. I don't know. I'm not
- 10 promising you a ruling by any particular date, but I
- 11 will examine the motion, and the responses and just
- 12 rule on it as soon as I can.
- MR. SINDER: Thank you.
- JUDGE HARRIS: Anything else?
- 15 (No response.)
- JUDGE HARRIS: All right. There being
- 17 nothing from any counsel this conference is closed.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 ALL: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 20 (Whereupon, at 3:08 p.m., the preliminary
- 21 conference in the above-entitled matter was
- 22 concluded.)
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